

DR. EUGENE W. ANDERSON (1932-1997)

Dr. Eugene W. Anderson was Professor and Chair of the Department of Exercise, Sport and Health Studies at The University of Texas at Arlington from 1978-1994. At the time of his death, Dr. Anderson was in the cherished position of a modified service-retired Professor (50% employment) in his 19th year in our Exercise, Sport and Health Studies department. His professional career of over 40 years included service as an assistant vice-president for academic affairs, university department chair, college coach, high school instructor and high school coach.

Eugene W. Anderson received his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education in 1954 and the Master of Science in 1959 from Fort Hays State University in Kansas. He received the Doctorate in Education in Physical Education from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona in 1970.

Dr. Anderson's Sport Performance career began with the Kinsley, Kansas Coyotes where he participated in four years each of football, basketball and track. He continued in the athletic world at Fort Hays State University by participating in football (one year), basketball and track where he finished fourth in the high jump at the NAIA National Meet. After serving two years in the United States Army in Fort Bliss, Texas, Dr. Anderson taught history, health, drivers' education, boys and girls physical education and coached the Wildcats in Hanover, Kansas. He then was a high school instructor of history and coached football, basketball and track for two years in Hays, Kansas. Upon the completion of his Masters' Degree, he was employed at Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan from 1960-64 as an assistant professor of physical education and assistant football coach, head basketball coach and golf coach. He then became an assistant professor of physical education and basketball coach at Chico State College in Chico, California (1964-68). In 1968, Dr. Anderson became Chair of the Physical Education Program and subsequently in 1972, Professor and Chair of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Athletics at Southwest State University in Marshall, Minnesota. In 1977-78, he was the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at the same institution.

Dr. Anderson was very prominent in the development of our current Exercise, Sport and Health Studies academic program. During his tenure at UTA, the Health Education and Dance minors were developed. The Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science degree was started for students in the Allied Health Sciences. The physical education-athletic coaching degrees, along with certification for teaching K-12 were shaped and refined. Dr. Anderson's expertise and appreciation for science in sport and performance created the popular Biophysical Principles of Human Movement class (there are currently two lecture and five laboratory sections per semester). His understanding of the acquisition of motor skills dramatically influenced the pedagogy curriculum. His experiences in sport and coaching directly impacted the departmental performance curriculum. Perhaps Dr. Anderson's most intense interest, in addition to curriculum, was in how the curriculum affected facility development. In the 1981-85 academic years, he gave numerous hours to the planning of an educational facility for our ESHS academic unit. The facilities' blueprint included numerous laboratories, classrooms, learning centers, student, faculty and activity areas that would have provided an educational setting that would be comparable to the academic program he helped create. The facilities' plans continue to be a model for our departmental future.



The Department of Kinesiology & History & The University classics Club

present

The 16th Anderson Sport Performance Lecture

With

Dr. Don Kyle

Professor, Department of History

“Ancient Olympics and Their Relevance for the Modern Olympics”

Wednesday, March 3, 2004 – 12:00 Noon

Lone Star Auditorium

Activities Building

THE ANDERSON SPORT PERFORMANCE LECTURE

Overview:

The curriculum of the Department of Kinesiology includes the study and practice of sport. It is clearly understood that sport is a significant element of our culture and that it is conducted in a variety of settings and for a variety of purposes. Therefore, this lecture is established to provide all interested individuals an opportunity to broaden their understanding of this culture phenomenon.

Purposes:

1. This activity is designed to supplement the department's educational mission through presentations and interactions with significant professionals from various areas of the sport culture.
2. This activity is designed to recognize significant professionals from the area who are making contributions to our sport culture and can provide different perspectives relative to sport performance.
3. This activity is designed to develop more interaction with sport enterprise outside the department and the university.

Previous Anderson Sport Performance Lectures:

Fall 1999	Peter G. Snell, Ph.D., UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Watching Sports Rather than Playing: A Challenge for Physical Education in the New Millennium"
Spring 2000	David H. Arnott, Ph.D., Dallas Baptist University. "Corporate Cults"
Fall 2000	Eric Nadel, B.A., Texas Rangers Major League Baseball Club. "The Professional Athlete and Society: His Relationship with the Fans and the Media"
Spring 2001	Dr. Dale Pease, Professor, University of Houston "Threat or Challenge: Your Approach to Competition?"
Fall 2001	Brad Mayne, B.S., President & CEO of Center Operating Co. "The American Airlines Center Project: A Public-Private Partnership"
Spring 2002	Dr. Jan Suffolk Todd, Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin "Ironmaidens: An Illustrated History of Women & Strength Training"
Fall 2001	Dr. James Morrow, University of North Texas "Health of Hispanic Youth in Texas: Participation and Training in Health (Project PATH)"
Spring 2003	Dr. Craig A. Depken II, The University of Texas at Arlington "The Economics of Sports Arenas: A Property Rights Approach"
Fall 2003	Kevin G. Abelbeck, B.A., President, InfoTech, Las Vegas, NV "The Evolution and Design of Fitness Equipment"

A Biographical Sketch of Dr. Donald G. Kyle

Don Kyle grew up in a village in rural Canada, with hockey and winter sports, but he has lived in Texas since 1984. Scholarships and jobs allowed him to earn a B.A. in History & Humanities (York U. 1973), an M.A. in History (McMaster U. 1974), a B.Ed. in History and Physical Education (U. of Toronto 1977), and a Ph.D. in Ancient History (McMaster U. 1981). He played several sports for his high school and continued to play intramural sports at college, so it came naturally to him to write his dissertation on the history of ancient Athens from the perspective of sport history. In 1987 his dissertation was published as a book, *Athletics in Ancient Athens* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2nd ed. 1993). Teaching jobs led him and his wife, Adeline, from Ontario to Manitoba to Saskatchewan and finally to the History Department at the U. of Texas at Arlington, where he has been a Full Professor since 1998 and Chairman since 1999. Professionally, he serves or has served on the editorial boards of three journals and an encyclopedia of sport history, and he has held various offices in the North American Society for Sport History. An award-winning teacher, he was honored to be inducted into UTA's Academy of Distinguished Teachers in 1999. In the summers of 1998 and 1999 he was an invited lecturer on ancient sport for the Post-Graduate Seminar of the International Olympic Academy at Olympia.

Dr. Kyle continues to research aspects of the history of ancient sport, seeking to uncover the reality and the relevance of the ancient sporting experience. A supporter of the ideals of the Modern Olympics, he nevertheless feels that the ancient games must be understood historically and viewed realistically. Expanding his research to include Roman entertainment, he published *Spectacles of Death in Ancient Rome* (London & New York: Routledge, 1998, paperback 2001), a study of the various Roman "blood sports", from gladiatorial combat to beast fights. He is presently under contract with Blackwell Publishers for a book on *Sport and Spectacle in the Ancient World*. He also has co-edited *Essays on Sport History and Sport Mythology* (College Station: Texas A&M U. Press, 1990), and written book chapters on the Panathenaic Games and on the evolution of Greek athletic prizes, as well as journal articles on the Greek pentathlon, sport in Homer, Greek athletic festivals, women and Ancient Olympia, and the historiography of Greek sport. He has reviewed over 45 books and presented numerous conference papers and invited lectures. He has been interviewed by the media and acted as a consultant on projects on ancient sport, including a History Channel show on Roman gladiators and two new videos on the Ancient Olympics.

Happily married since 1980, Dr. Kyle has two teenage sons, whose soccer and hockey teams he has helped coach over the years. At 53, he still enjoys recreational softball and skating on ice or roller-blades, but he often wishes he had taken better care of his knees and back as a young man.

Please welcome Dr. Kyle today as our 16th Anderson Sport Performance